

CT Region NSP Leadership & Advisors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday January 11, 2024
Zoom conference 1905-2015



Patrol Directors: Eric Schmidt (Pahquioque); Ron Fenner (Southington); Michael Lapierre (Nutmeg Nordic, MTR); Randy McKee (Lakeridge)

Assistant Patrol Directors/NSP Reps:

CT Region Admin: Skip Mudge (RD); Liz Fenner (Treasurer)

Advisors: Peter Bayer (ROA); Berni Fowler (Assistant ROA); Kathy Fitzpatrick (Safety Team); Melanie Muszynski (Assistant Safety Team); Michael Gajdosik (ID); Larry Hyatt (Sr. OEC Training Coordinator, Administrative Assistant); Bob Cassello (Alumni); Neil Glagovich (Sr Program Coordinator); Roger DelGiorno (Bike Advisor); Sue-Ellen Repeta (Pequot Section Chief, YAP)

Guests: Ken Joyce

Absent: Jeff Barter (Ski Sundown); Justin Lonergan (Powder Ridge); Mike Smarz (Mohawk); Walt Behuniak (Southington); Jake Worstell (Pahquioque); Kevin Muravnick (Powder Ridge); Tom Kim (Ski Sundown, Snowboard); Mark Pahmer (ARD); Kenn Kostuk (Housatonic Section Chief); Justin Regan (Certified, Sr OET Training Coordinator); Cally Regan (Women's Program); Rick Knight (Awards); Paul Katz (Snowboard); Steve Goldblatt (Medical, Safety); Gadi Bourla (Telecommunications); John Boorjian (Historian); Jonathan Ruhe (Legal); John Segretta (Website, Technology); Chuck Boyd (Avalanche & Nordic/Backcountry); Dan Miller (Elections)

REGIONAL, DIVISION AND NATIONAL ITEMS

- Senior Program
 - Neil has designed a PDF form with pull-downs for approved electives and other standardized fields. He will assist candidates in completing the form and will transfer all data to the official NSP form for PD signatures and then submit the form to National for final approval and status update. He asked for feedback on the form.
- Budget & Expense Reports
 - Please submit program expense reports as expenses are incurred. Do not hold until the end of the season. This gets money back in the hands of the advisors quickly and allows us to better track actuals v. budget performance.
 - The approved region budget shows \$6100 in dues income. Up to November, we have only received about 2500. We do expect Southington Host and remaining December dues, but that will only be about \$400. Liz is projecting final dues income to be about \$1768 short of budget. There may be some late dues payments. She is looking into this.
 - Dues income has been fairly consistent at about \$6000, year-to-year since 2018.
- As discussed last season, Chris Nonken continues to be problematic throughout New England ski areas, including some in CT (Sundown and Southington). He has been banned from a number of ski areas. Law enforcement in VT and NH are very aware of him. He skies at high levels of speed that could cause safety issues. Make sure local area management is aware that he could be visiting our areas, especially as northern areas become more vigilant in keeping him off their properties.
- National Board of Directors
 - Last night the National Board of Directors elected a new National Chair, Richard Pietrafesa from New York.
- Program Advisors and PDs are asked to review the Region website and verify the information is correct

and up to date. Note that photos can also be uploaded.

- Youth Protection Training
 - Many patrollers need to renew their Youth Protection Training certification. (If doing the Praesidium modules, only need to do 3 of the modules – Preventing Sexual Activity Between Adolescents, Meet Sam, Mandated Reporter.) Note: Preventing Sexual Activity Between *Children* is not required by NSP.
 - Certificates should be uploaded through the division website. ([nspeast.org/Resources/Youth Protection Policy](https://www.nspeast.org/Resources/YouthProtectionPolicy). Then scroll down to “Submit Certificates of Completion”) <https://www.nspeast.org/youth-protection.html>
 - Contact Skip with any questions.

PROGRAMS

- Alumni
 - The CT Region Alumni Day is scheduled for February 27 at Ski Sundown from about 8:30-2:30. Included in the cost of \$10 is lift and meals.
 - There will also be an Eastern Division Alumni Day open to all patrollers (Alumni and active) at Mt Snow on Feb 11-16. EPIC passes are accepted.
- Safety
 - All areas in the Region are hosting a safety event this month.
 - All PDs received emails about the new program – “GRIT”, Getting Resilient Intentionally Together.
 - The Alumni Day at Mt Snow will have a Safety Tent on Tues the 13th to present the Stress Awareness.
 - Another theme “Take A Break” is being presented to make skiers aware the necessity of taking breaks when tired. Studies have shown times of injuries often occur just before lunch and during late afternoon.
- Bike
 - Roger DelGiorno has been appointed as the CT Region Bike Advisor. One of his goals is to promote Bike Patrolling in the region.
 - We will be working (riding and supporting) the 40-mile Closer to Free ride in New Haven this September. Anyone interested in riding or helping should contact Roger. Patrollers can attend and help at the event without any charges. Riders need to raise \$500 or more in donations.
 - The Bike Patrol will have a Forum at the upcoming PowderFall.
- ID
 - The new online course is now on the LMS.
- OEC
 - Most OEC programs are complete.
 - There will be couple of OEC Refresher makeup courses.
 - Pahquioque may be starting their new OEC class in April.
 - The contract with JBL ends this Spring, National is developing a replacement to the Navigate 2 system. More information to come.
- OECMSP
 - Currently, all 5 candidates have pretty much completed their required preliminary items and are into doing the “on the snow” scenarios. The program is looking at ways to get more support to be able to provide productive scenarios for the candidates.

- The Final Evals are scheduled to be held at Mt Southington on February 4.
- MTR
 - The dates for the MTR I are February 17 – 18 at Winding Trails. There has been a little problem with promoting the class within the Division and Region. As of right now, only 3 people signed up for the class and need a minimum of 6 to run the class. Peter Bayer will send out a blast in the Region about the class. It is also requested that people on this zoom to please spread the word.
- YAP
 - The Summit will be held at Smuggs on the weekend of March 8-10.
 - The CT Region day with WMASS will be held at Sundown March 3 (which is also day of the Sr OET test). Jason Tamulen, the National Advisor, will be there.
 - Roger DelGiorno who patrols in VT has invited the group up there.
 - There is another OFC YAP at Powder Ridge that may take the OEC program.
- Snowboard
 - The Snowboard Clinic will be held at Sundown on February 4. There was no interest in going up north. So far, 5 patrollers have signed up. There are also 3 instructors. They are requesting funding. Class will be in the LMS. They will send out waivers for people to sign.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday February 6, 7, or 8, Skip will let people know.

Adjourned 8:15 PM

Respectively submitted,
Larry Hyatt